



Town of Blades
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL
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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
March 13, 2023***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams, Councilman William Stang, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr., Police Chief Martin Willey, Police Administrative Assistant Loretta Lynch and Code Enforcement Officer Marcus Trammell.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the February 13, 2023, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilman William Stang; Seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted and read by Police Chief Martin Willey.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Councilman Donald Trice. New construction on the agenda. Applicant was a no show. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell.
- Water report - Reports submitted by Public Works Supervisor and read by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams.
- Streets – Report submitted and read by Councilman William Stang.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.



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❖ New Business:

- Fire Department Memorial Donation – Mayor Atkinson presented Ronald Depew and Ronald Callaway of the Blades Volunteer Fire Department with a check for \$500.00 towards the Memorial
- Appoint Vice Mayor – Councilman William Stang was appointed as Vice-Mayor for the next 30 days. Council Vote: Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes.
- Town Election Announcement: Town Elections will be held April 3, 2023, to fill Mayor and 2 Council positions
- Appoint 2023 Municipal Election committee
- Police Car Bid Opening – Vice-Mayor William Stang made a motion to accept the bids on the two police cars; Seconded by Councilman Donald Trice. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor William Stang – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes. Carried
- Hardin Hall Bid Opening – Tabled for a Special Meeting

❖ Old Business:

- N/A

❖ Good of the Community

Citizen inquired about the kind of cargo that goes through town on the train and if the town has a plan if the train derails transporting chemicals – If something were to happen, Federal agencies would be contacted and they would take over.

Citizen would like to see a “No Parking” sign at Second and Market, when turning right out of the street, you can’t see oncoming traffic – Will look into with Public Works.

Citizen that is putting a fence on his property presented a copy of the deed, survey, photo and has permission to use the access road in Little Meadows.



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Entered into Executive Session: 8:30 pm
Exited Executive Session: 8:35 pm

Vice-Mayor William Stang motioned to adjourn the March 13, 2023, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Councilman Donald Trice.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Marks
Town Administrator